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President Clinton:

For twelve years my husband and I have been buying organic foods for our children and ourselves. Approximately 90% of the food we consume in our family is organic. As a result, our three children do not have the allergies, ADD, and other disorders which have been proven to be caused by pesticides, herbicides, or synthetic hormones. We are extremely thankful that they are so healthy and strong in mind and body.

Beyond the health that organic foods provide for my family, organic farming practices respect our water resources, build soil, and respects the balance demanded in a healthy **ecosystem**.

I feel that to change the definition of organic to accomodate any industry who wants to reap the dollar benefits that the **organics** industry is finally starting to realize is simply preposterous. It would be fantastic if more and more of the food industry goes the route of the organic food industry by adhering to the current definition of organic. But, we cannot change the definition of "**organic**" in order to accomodate the big players in the industry.

When I go to the grocery store and I decide to buy some strawberries that are labelled organic, I want to absolutely know that they ARE ORGANIC. Please protect the consumer and those who have worked so hard and diligently to serve and create this industry!

Thank you for your time. Also, I wish you the very best in your election as president!

Sincerely,
Nancy Glissmann

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